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The crack o' the rifle is heard around Vermont.

The really successful hunter in Vermont is the person who returns home unscathed.

It would be a dose of our own medicine if the United States should get an offer of mediation of the Mexican trouble from the so-called A B C nations of South America.

When arrested in Springfield, Mass., as a mendicant, a man was found to have a bank book on a Bellows Falls bank for \$1,400, besides carrying \$500 in bills in his pocket. A good many people who are riding about in limousines couldn't show any more quick assets than that, probably not as much.

The removal of the victory arch from Barre's Main street also removes one of the greatest traffic hazards ever placed on the streets of the city. It is remarkable that there have been no serious accidents because of the obstruction, with teams, automobiles and electric cars moving through the arch or past either side of the structure and pedestrians clinging to the sides of the structure to avoid being run down. More than one person sighed with relief when the once handsome design was removed.

A more businesslike way would be for the American delegates to the peace conference in Paris to stay on the job until the work for which they were sent there is completed, namely, the bringing of Germany to time, including the signing of the protocol. It savors too much of running away before the job is completed if the Americans quit Paris at the present time, even though the Senate has virtually repudiated the treaty as drawn up by the peace conference. The government at Washington should waste no time in instructing the delegation to remain in Paris until the protocol is signed.

Lady Astor, erstwhile Virginian and native American, illustrates by her election to the British Parliament a new phase of the "American menace" to the British. But Britishers who love a sporting proposition cannot help admiring the plucky fight which Lady Astor put up for the seat and the general spirit of good sportsmanship she displayed during the contest. As a campaigner she proved to be a person of much initiative and surpassing energy. There seems to be little doubt, too, that despite her early American traditions, Lady Astor will represent her district in Parliament according to the best British ideals.

The state law which fixed the hours from 6 a. m. to 5 p. m. for the deer hunting period in Vermont does not give due cognizance to the real hours of daylight at this season of the year, providing, of course, the limiting of the hours was actuated by a desire to have deer hunting take place in daylight. Six o'clock in the morning is a time of the night when deer hunting is fraught with the most extreme danger because the light is so dim that moving objects in the woods, or even in the fields, cannot be clearly recognized. A man creeping stealthily through the underbrush in quest of deer might easily become the shade of a deer to the somewhat excited mind of some other hunter who happened to be in that vicinity, with the result that the latter might blaze away and investigate afterward. Yes, 6 a. m. is too early in this month of December to permit the shooting of deer. By the same token, 5 p. m. is too late, the shades of night having fallen and objects being almost indistinguishable by that time. Better hours, safety being the thing desired, would be 7 a. m. and 4 p. m.

THE NEWBERRY CHARGES.

The indictment of United States Senator Truman H. Newberry of Michigan on charges of corruption, fraud and conspiracy in connection with his election to the Senate over Henry Ford makes a most disagreeable addition to the features of American political life, but, disagreeable as it is or may prove to be, the affair should be investigated so thoroughly through the medium of the courts that the essential facts may be brought to light and wrongs righted if such there be. The charges against Newberry are of a most grave nature, indeed, of such grave nature that were the alleged practices to be indulged in to any considerable extent throughout the United States the American body politic would promptly be honeycombed with malignant activity which would

have a tendency to sap the strength of the democratic idea of government, and, eventually, to overthrow such government. The people demand at the present time, however, that their representatives in Congress, as well as in other places of official life, be chosen by the methods which are above reproach; and if there was anything wrong in the election which caused Truman H. Newberry to take a seat in the United States Senate they are desirous that the wrong be uncovered. It is to be hoped that a full and fair recital of the details of the election may be produced.

HELP THE ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS FIGHT.

Although the campaign for funds to carry on the fight against tuberculosis in Vermont has been postponed from the early winter to some date in the early spring of 1920, there nevertheless is a fine chance to lend support to the anti-tuberculosis work in Vermont during the month of December by purchasing some of the Christmas seals, which will be offered for sale through the Vermont Tuberculosis association. For many years at the holiday season these seals have been placed on sale in many cities and towns of Vermont, and the spirit of generosity and good will has been so strong among Vermonters that they have purchased a large number of the seals in the aggregate, with resulting large proceeds for the furthering of the fight against tuberculosis. A similar plan of raising funds is to be inaugurated within a short time, the seals being sent out first of all to the school children all over Vermont with instructions to make a canvass of their particular territory, after which the seals will be placed on sale in the stores and other places which have kindly handled them heretofore or may be willing to undertake the work for the first time this year. So, while failing to have the opportunity to contribute to a subscription fund for anti-tuberculosis work, as was expected, the people of Vermont will have a chance to help materially by purchasing liberal quantities of these seals. A purchase of 100 or more seals from school children entitles the purchaser to a placard, announcing "I have bought my Red Cross Christmas seals," so that there need be no annoyance from continued soliciting if the placard is hung in the window. Barre people ought to be particularly interested in this holiday drive for the anti-tuberculosis campaign in view of the large work which is being centered in and about Barre to eliminate tuberculosis. Let Barre's total purchase of seals be large.

CURRENT COMMENT

Must All Join In.

The card system of sugar distribution is to be installed again in Barre. This system seems to be the only way each person is sure of getting his share of the commodity, but to be successful it must represent a united effort on the part of retail grocers.—Brattleboro Register.

Labor on Waiting List.

There has been something of a reversal in employment conditions, it seems. One evidence of this is seen in the report from the Middlebury plant of the Vermont Marble company yesterday that there were more men looking for work than could be accommodated, notwithstanding that the mill was running to full capacity of production. There were said to have been five applicants turned away yesterday, and there is a waiting list of 20 or more promising men who have been seeking some time for work. This contrasts sharply with conditions a year or so ago when the Marble company was unable to find help enough to do much more than just keep the mill running.—Middlebury Register.

An International Currency.

Anything in the financial line that has the name of Sir George Paish attached, is entitled to respectful consideration. When, therefore, he suggests that the league of nations issue "some form of credits accepted internationally at their face value," the proposition is not one to be dismissed lightly by those who have these matters in hand. Presumably this currency would not be for general circulation. The ordinary man in any country would see very little of it, though eventually it might affect his taxes appreciably, and probably his benefit.

For one thing, it would put the credit of the league of nations behind the loans Canada is now making for foreign countries to enable them to buy our goods. For another thing, it would improve the chances of securing the whole of the stipulated indemnity from Germany, because she could then issue her commercial paper with the endorsement of the other countries. Canada, for instance, would receive her share of the indemnity in the form of league of nations currency and this could be used as a basis of credit.

An incidental result would be to greatly increase the stability of the league of nations and, therefore, the chances of its survival. A league that stood sponsor for several billions of international money would not readily be allowed to die.—Vancouver Sun.

Appeal to Save Murderer.

Walter H. Cleary of Newport has petitioned Governor P. W. Clement, asking that Bert Kelsey's sentence be commuted to that of imprisonment for life, instead of electrocution, which is set for the first full week in December. The decision has not been reached as far as has been learned, but it is expected that Governor Clement will write Mr. Cleary regarding the matter in a few days. The basis for the petition is that Kelsey is not a man of sound mind, that he is an imbecile, so that his attorney seeks clemency from the governor. It will be recalled that when Kelsey left the supreme court room after his recent decision against his new trial, Kelsey said, "I came out better than I thought I would."—Free Press.

The Express and Standard thinks Lawyer Walter H. Cleary has just cause in asking the governor to commute the death sentence of Bert Kelsey to life imprisonment. While positive



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evidence, instead of circumstantial, convicted him of murder in the first degree, the fact still remains that Kelsey is a man extremely weak in intellect, even if not of unsound mind, and can hardly sense the full responsibility of his crime. "A man in years but a boy in mind" fits his case exactly. Those well acquainted with him can testify to this fact. While he is a man who should not be at large, and should be kept in confinement for the crime he has committed, he is too much of an imbecile to suffer electrocution for his act.—Newport Express.

Building Up Country Trade.

The time has gone by when the size of a store is necessarily fixed by the size of the town where it is located. Any small town may have some hustling merchant who has reached far out beyond his own home districts and draws trade from a whole country or from a good many counties. Trade in these days of automobiles will often go 50 to 100 miles to an attractive store located in the center of a rural district.

The people who come across country to visit such a store know that it has many advantages over its big city competitor. Its rent is very much cheaper. If it owns its own building, its construction did not cost so much. It can hire labor cheaper.

It costs much less to live in a country center than in a large city. The young people of the district can afford to work there for less wages than to go into cities and pay a high price for board. Considering what an advantage the country center store has over its big city competitors, it seems strange that the metropolitan stores have ever got the trade they have built up on this basis of their high expenses.

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Silver's Comeback.

Prevailing high prices for silver are causing many old silver heirlooms to be cast into the melting pot. Old knives and forks and spoons and other silver plate which were discarded, packed away in the attic and forgotten are now being hunted up. The same is true of old jewelry and broken silver ornaments.

The mint is in daily receipt of silver, plate and old jewelry which it buys. The plate or jewelry is first cast into the crucible and converted into bars which are assayed and their fine silver contents ascertained. The mint pays the "official" price obtaining on the day that the deposit is made, less a nominal charge for melting. Ordinarily the mint receives most silver of this character, either in plate or melted bars from dealers who trade in old gold and silverware, but in the past few weeks it has been receiving many inquiries from private parties. In buying gold and silver jewelry a large part of the retail price represents workmanship and a smaller part the gold or silver content, but the advance in silver to the highest point in more than a generation enhances the value of discarded ware.

An official of the treasury pointed out that although gold parity point of the standard silver dollar was \$1.2929 an ounce for silver, this parity represents full weight dollars and as no new silver dollars have been coined since 1905 many of the dollars in circulation are below full weight, due to abrasion. Cost of melting silver dollars into bullion would be small but weight of the dollars would have to be taken into consideration and on coins to the higher light price of silver would have to advance proportionately before their bullion value exceeds the face value.—Wall Street Journal.



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